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Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

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Prior to the review of the above subject patent application, please make the following amendments:

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

--This is a divisional application of Serial No. 09/167,909 filed 10/07/98 which is a

non-provisional application of provisional application number 60/060,259 filed 09/29/97.--

In the Claims:

Please dancel Claims 1-11.